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Questions Raised Over Administrative Costs at School Committee Budget Hearing

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - The School Committee held its annual budget hearing before an audience of 11 residents on April 3. Selectman Roland Lachance, a former School Committee member, remarked that this was the largest turnout for a school committee budget hearing in the past 10 years.

School Committee Chairman Chet Hanratty went over each line item in the budget. Following the review, the discussion was opened with another former School Committeeman, Alan Tuttle, raising a question on the impact of proposed legislation for open choice in school attendance, saying the legislation would cause chaos throughout the state. Tuttle said the law, if funded, could result in schools competing for students with some systems losing students.

Wilczynski said he too would be opposed to opening the door to outside students.

Later in the meeting, Superintendent Alfred Sylvia said that at a regional meeting of superintendents it was noted that the open school choice plan would pose all kinds of problems and they were hopeful the plan would not be implemented.

Tuttle then reported that he had surveyed the communities of Auburn, Grafton, and Northbridge, all of which are larger than Millbury and service more students, and found that Millbury has more administrative staff in the Central Office (the superintendent's office) than the larger communities. He said he couldn't understand the rationale.

Hanratty's reply was that cuts were made in the assistant principal and athletic director positions. He also said the assistant superintendent's position was established after Dr. David Troughton, curriculum coordinator, left the school in September. He said that Dr. Richard Palermo is doing 90% of the curriculum in his present position as assistant superintendent.

Tuttle said in comparing the other communities he found there are no full time positions for curriculum coordinator. He also said those communities have either an assistant superintendent or a business manager but not both in the Central Office.

Hanratty replied that $230,000 in grants was brought into the system which he said more than pays for the position of assistant superintendent.

A comment was made that the majority of those funds were obtained prior to Palermo coming on board.

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Nice While it Lasted

MILLBURY - The photo above shows a display that was set up in the lobby of the Millbury Town Hall recently by several members of the Millbury Police Department. Sgts. Ed Perry and Lincoln Barton and Officer William Wilkinson spent a Saturday afternoon, on their own time, to set up the display cases showing department memorabilia. Shortly after the display was set up, the officers were asked to remove it.

According to Jude Cristo, Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, the request was made because there was insufficient space for the display at that location. The space is normally occupied by the Historical Society's display cases.

Oil Leaks onto Howe Ave.

MILLBURY - Police were called to 50 Howe Avenue at approximately 4 p.m. on April 4 to investigate a report of a large oil spill in the street. According to Officer Kevin Woods, who investigated the incident, employees of Craftsman Products of 52-54 Howe Avenue were attempting to contain an oil spill coming from between the buildings of Craftsman and an abandoned building next to Omni Resources when he arrived.

Woods' investigation revealed that the oil, presumed to be hydraulic oil, leaked from two outdoor tanks that were thought to be empty. The oil flooded the back floor of Craftsman and flowed out along the alleyway into Howe Avenue.

According to Sgt. Donald Desorcy, who was also on the scene, Zecco Environmental Specialists removed some 1500 gallons of oil from the site.

Ronald Ladner, landlord/owner of AAA Mass Turnpike Warehouse Co. which owns the entire complex of buildings at 50 Howe Avenue, did not return the Chronicle's phone call and would not answer questions on the evening of the incident.

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Beacon Hill Roll Call

This week's Beacon Hill Roll Call records the votes of Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton) and Representatives Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Paul Kollios (D-Millbury) on roll calls from the weeks of March 25-29 and April 1-5.

WEEK OF MARCH 25-29

FIREFIGHTERS (H 5010) House 150-0 rejected Governor Weld's move to repeal the 1990 cancer presumption law which identifies several forms of cancer which, if contracted by firefighters, are presumed to be job related. Supporters of the law said it makes it easier for firefighters with cancer to win disability pensions and said it has only cost cities and towns $100,000 over the past six months. The Weld administration argued that the law is an unfunded state mandate on communities and cited studies showing the law could cost municipalities over $1 million in the first year and close to $300 million over the next 15 years.

UNDERRIDE 2 1/2 (H 5252) House 120-35 rejected an amendment allowing voters in cities and towns to adopt an "underride" of Proposition 2 1/2 by setting a tax cap of less than 2 1/2% to a floor of 1%. Amendment supporters said this would simply give voters more power to keep their property taxes lower. Opponents said the amendment is unrealistic and irresponsible and claimed it could severely hurt communities. Moore and Kollios voted against "Underride."

CENTRAL ARTERY (H 5252) - House 135-21, rejected an amendment prohibiting any money from being spent for the Central Artery Depression project after July 1 unless the Secretary of Transportation presents a financing plan for the project and obtains the approval of the legislature. Amendment supporters said this would create legislative oversight of this project which is getting out of control and should be closely monitored. Opponents said the amendment would kill this project and argued that it is impossible to come up with a financing plan. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment.

IMPOUND (H 5252) - House 142-13, approved an amendment giving the Governor enhanced powers to cut state spending in most accounts by up to 4% in fiscal 1991 in order to insure state expenditures do not exceed revenues. Amendment supporters said this will give the Governor the tools to act quickly and prevent another deficit. Opponents said the amendment gives the Governor too much power and takes it away from the legislature. Moore and Kollios voted for the amendment.

HEALTH INSURANCE (H 5252) House 129-25, rejected an amendment increasing state employees' health insurance costs from 10% to 25% for those earning more than $25,000 and exempting state pensioners from any increase. Amendment supporters said this will save the state millions of dollars and noted the average private employee already pays 30%. Some opponents said this increase is unfair to state workers and will cost them million of dollars even while many will be furloughed to cut state spending. Others argued a special commission will soon form to study the matter. Moore and Kollios voted against the hike.

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES (H 5252) - House 103-47, rejected an amendment requiring the Director of the Office of Campaign and Finance to notify the Attorney General when the Director learns of reports of public employees' illegal involvement in ballot question campaigns. The amendment would also require the Attorney General to immediately institute civil action to prevent any continued violation. Amendment supporters said this will put some teeth into the law to stop illegal actions by public employees who use taxpayer time and money to campaign. Opponents said this is not the time to deal with this measure and said it is unrelated to the deficit reduction package. Moore and Kollios voted against the amendment.

WEEK OF APRIL 1-5

CABINET SECRETARIES (H 5300) House 137-15, overrode Governor Weld's veto of language reducing the $85,000 salary Weld established for all his cabinet secretaries. Override supporters said the previous $60,000 to $80,000 salary range was sufficient and argued the hikes were irresponsible and unfair in light of recent program cutbacks and employee layoffs and furloughs. Veto supporters said the $85,000 was promised by Weld and is necessary to attract and retain qualified cabinet secretaries. They noted hundreds of others in state government earn more than $85,000 and noted the reduction is only for the rest of the fiscal year and will only save $36,000. Moore and Kollios voted against the $85,000 salaries.

TRANSPORTATION BOND (H 5389) House 154-0 gave near final approval and sent to the Senate a $5 billion plus transportation bond package to fund the Central Artery/third harbor tunnel project and repairs and upgrades to roads, bridges and mass transit. The package includes state borrowing of some $2.4 billion which will trigger some $2.6 billion in federal funds.

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Calendar

THURSDAY, APRIL 11
MILLBURY - St. Brigid's Women's Club will meet at 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12
SUTTON - The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church will host a Whist Party at 7:30 p.m. Tickets may be purchased at the door for $2.00.

SUTTON - The Sutton Jr.-Sr. High School will hold a blood drive from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

MILLBURY - Benefit wheelchair basketball game at Millbury High School at 7:00 p.m. Bay State Wheelers vs. Woolie Wheelers.

SUNDAY, APRIL 14
MILLBURY - The Lioness Club will hold a "Celebrity Auction Plus" at 1:00 p.m. at the VFW Hall.

MONDAY, APRIL 15
MILLBURY - A meeting of the Devoe Taylor No. 9 American Legion Post will be held at 7:30 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18
MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of Raymond Memorial Church, 5 Raymond Street, will hold a Whist Party in the church hall at 1:30 p.m.

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Millbury Selectmen's Meeting Digest

Board Updated on Affordable Housing Project

By Edward J. Cooney

MILLBURY - Following the call to order for the April 2 Selectmen's Meeting, Chairman Jude Cristo called upon Administrative Assistant Earl Chase to present his weekly report.

Municipal Lot

Chase said Fallon Clinic has scrapped its plans for a ramp at the entrance to its facility on Elm Street and has opted instead to put a handicap access ramp in the rear of the building, closer to the municipal parking lot.

Grading work has begun on the municipal lot but drainage needs to be done, Chase said. It is anticipated that the lot will have to be closed for four or five days for the drainage work, with the expected completion of the project by the end of June.

Selectman Gerry Bleau suggested the possibility of closing down only a portion of the parking lot at one time since it receives heavy use.

Pine Grove

According to Chase, Frank D'Argent, a potential buyer of the New Pine Grove Villa Nursing Home, has said there is a good possibility of receiving financial backing. He said D'Argent is seeking a letter of intent from the planing board for a separation of the parcel and buildings at the villa. Chase said the bank wants a separation of the land and some of the buildings from the main building.

Sewer Rebate

According to Town Counsel, the Sewer Commissioners can rebate fees charged residents who had their sewerage pumped and hauled for treatment at the Upper Blackstone Sewer Abatement District Plant on Rte. 20. Chase said when it would be done and who would be affected has to be discussed with the Sewer Commissioners.

Cristo said he recalled that the sewer commissioners agreed to reimburse the fees if it was feasible.

Town Counsel Account

Chase asked for an okay to go the Finance Committee for a transfer of $10,600 to the "Town Counsel Account," citing unforseen legal expenses.

Selectman Bernard Plante asked if other departments using town counsel should be going through the board of selectmen. Chase replied that the board should be made aware as soon as possible.

Cristo suggested that a central file be maintained on opinions rendered by town counsel on issues that are recurring so that town officials can look at those renderings without having to go back to town counsel.

Selectman Roland Lachance said that at times he thinks the board is the worst offender. "Some times we run too quickly to counsel," he said.

The board approved the transfer request on a 5-0 vote.

Police Business

Acting Chief Ron Stokowski asked the board to consider a request from Hall Construction to block off a portion of Elm Street at the Fallon Clinic to allow for a crane to install the HVAC system on the roof of the clinic. He said parking along that portion of the street would be eliminated for two hours while the installation takes place. The proposed time for the installation would be from 6-8 a.m. on a date commensurate with the availability of the crane. The board approved 5-0.

Stokowski reported on the case involving four youths, ages 14 to 16, charged with the destruction of some 250 gravestones in the Central and St. Brigid's cemeteries. Juvenile Court Judge Luis Perez recently continued the youths' cases without a finding, upon payment of restitution.

"They only get a slap on the wrist for something as heinous as this," Cristo said. "The kids go in and desecrate a cemetery and they get a slap on the wrist."

The board voted unanimously to write a letter to Judge Perez indicating their displeasure with the disposition of the case.

Shortfalls

Chase said he would be discussing with the Finance Committee a shortfall in the hydrant services account, gas and diesel fuel account, and the street light account, for a total of $45,000. This does not include a shortfall in the insurance budget. He suggested the possibility of a special town meeting within the annual town meeting to deal with these shortfalls in present budget accounts. He also noted that these monies can not come from the reserve account but must be appropriated.

Openings

The board received a letter from Conservation Commission Chairman Richard Luikey, indicating that three individuals are interested in filling an open position on the commission. The board will interview all three candidates at a future meeting.

The board voted 5-0 to accept the resignation of Mary West from the Historical Commission.

An interview will also be scheduled for an individual who is seeking appointment as an alternate on the ZBA.

Memorial Day

The board met with Veterans Agent Phil Buso who is in charge of making arrangements for the Memorial Day ceremonies. Buso said the same events and schedule would be in place as last year with the only change being that the American Legion would lead the parade this year. The schedule will also include a visit to the Dwinell Cemetery off McCracken Road prior to the parade.

Cristo asked if any local Persian Gulf veterans would be in the parade. Buso said it was possible but the word would have to be put out to see if any would be available.

The church services this year will be held at the First Congregational Church on West Main Street.

Housing Partnership

At 8 p.m the board met with Attorney Lawrence Salem from Gould Title Abstract to update the board on the status of

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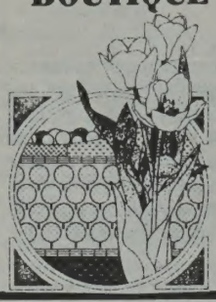

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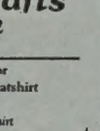

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two parcels of land that are tax titled. The parcels were approved as affordable housing sites at the last town meeting.

One of the parcels is located at Overlook and Oak Pond Avenues and the other on Westview Avenue. There have been some problems with clearing titles for the properties.

Salem passed out a short version of the title report indicating the parcels in question and what his search has done to date. He also displayed a schematic drawing of each parcel. The two parcels were part of an old subdivision plan called Worcester Acres.

The parcel on Overlook and Oak Pond Avenue is 15 feet short as a portion of the parcel was taken by the Massachusetts Turnpike Authority. Salem recommended that a survey be done to determine the actual area left as it may not meet zoning requirements. He also suggested that the best possible route may be to go before the Zoning Board of Appeals for a variance. Another alternative, which was agreed to by the board, would be to ask the Turnpike Authority to release their interest in that part of the parcel. Salem said the parcel as is would have less than 100' frontage.

Cristo said the board could look at the engineering account after July 1 for monies to do the land survey and asked Chase to check into possible costs from surveyor Hunter Greenwood.

Chase said $1,000 is left in the account. Salem said he wouldn't be too comfortable with that figure as the old plan was a paper layout and could be different than the layout in actual land. "It could be expensive," he said.

The second parcel, on Westview Avenue, actually is composed of three lots. According to Salem, one lot makes reference to a wrongful deed and, consequently, heirs of the original owners may have a claim as the land taking was defective. One way to correct this, he said, is to affirm a petition in land court or go through Stonleigh Realty, the previous owners. The problem, Salem said, is that the heirs would then become aware of the problem.

Cristo asked if it would be worth pursuing. Salem said the alternatives are the same as the previous lot. He suggested that the top lot be provided as an extra with no quitclaim in the deed.

Salem said the ZBA could be approached for a variance on this lot as well if it does not meet zoning regulations.

Cristo asked if it was safe to say that it would cost less than $4,000 to straighten out both lots. Salem said it would.

Cristo said it would be a benefit to the town to follow through since at present the land is producing no tax revenue.

Chase noted that there are no monies available for a title search at present. It was suggested by Cristo that that issue be considered after the new fiscal year starts on July 1st.

Veterans Agent

The board met with Veterans Agent Phil Buso to review his proposed budget for FY 91-92. Buso noted that his budget has increased slightly, mainly due to an increase in his case load and an increased need for veterans benefits due to the economy.

Cristo asked if the state is cutting Veterans benefits. Chase replied that they are, which means more money will have to come from the towns. Buso confirmed Chase's statement.

Buso was granted a 6% raise upon the recommendation of Earl Chase, who said Buso has done an excellent job and has taken on additional duties such as rewriting the town's affirmative action and fair housing policies.

Lachance then asked Buso to comment on the State's attitude towards veterans.

Buso replied that it is not so much what they say but what they do. He noted that Governor Weld had said he would keep Veterans' benefits intact. "They have gone by the wayside without any comment or explanation," Buso said. "It is not only the state but the federal government that are doing a job on veterans. People on the bottom get hurt."

Buso also said he is working with other organizations to include the Persian Gulf veterans in the July 4 Independence Day parade. Plaques and certificates to be issued to individual Gulf participants are being considered. The process of identifying all Armed Forces personnel who served in the Gulf is underway. Buso said he hopes that all who served in the Gulf will come forward so they can be included.

Deficits

Chase reported that there is a deficit in the insurance budget of $28,000. Also, $60-$65,000 in unemployment compensation was not budgeted and a special town meeting would be needed for that. He said that when he met with FinCom this evening, it was suggested that a delay in the town meeting be considered.

Chase said there will be a shortfall of $45,000 and $28,000 in other budgets that must be appropriated.

Plante said that $73,0000 of the $192,000 projected deficit already announced changes things drastically.

Chase said the $73,000 would affect next year's budget which will require some extra time to prepare. Hopefully the figures will be refined by next week for the meeting with FinCom at which time a decision can be made on whether or not to delay the annual town meeting.

Providence Street Bridge

Chase reported that the State DPW has forwarded to Boston a proposed budget of $14,000 for a pumper truck to do the work on the under support structure of the Providence Street Bridge. Cristo asked if a date has been set to start work, noting that April was given as the announced time work would begin. Chase said he has not heard anything.

Lachance, calling the situation "ridiculous," said that businesses along 122A are being held hostage by the state. "The project is a simple one to do," he said.

"They will do what they want, when they want. I don't understand it," said Selectman Gerry Bleau.

Lachance suggested that the new DPW commissioner be sent a letter letting him know that there are three bridges in Millbury needing repairs. The board concurred 5-0.

Miscellaneous

Town clerk David Matson notified the board that several restaurants and a class I auto license have not been renewed. He said all parties were notified.

A letter from Mass. Electric notified the town they will be placed on a waiting list for the company's energy conservation program since the company has placed a moratorium on new applications.

The board took under advisement a request from the National Leadership Forum, a bipartisan organization of political leaders, requesting that the town identify and recommend an adult and youth who exemplify outstanding volunteer service to their community for recognition at a national leadership forum conference to be held in Washington, D.C. in October.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40 p.m.

Pack 109 Wins Blue Ribbon

MILLBURY - Pack 109 participated in the 1991 Scout Show held on March 23 at Worcester Auditorium. The theme was, "Scouting - a Bridge to the future." The pack's booth won a first place blue ribbon. Included in the booth were two games of skill, a bean bag toss and a marble roll, and a bookmark making activity, all featuring cub scout colors and symbols. Crafts and projects made by the boys and their dens were also on display. Thanks go to the boys and their parents who worked on creating the booth and to those who helped out at the show.

A trip to the Mystic Aquarium was planned for April 6. Plans are also in the works for the annual Spree Day to be held on Saturday, April 27, rain date May 4. The event will begin at 11:00 a.m. with lunch and will continue for the afternoon. Hot dogs, chips and beverages will be on sale. Cub scouts will get a free hot dog lunch. This is a fun afternoon of games and activities for the boys and their families.

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TV - Senate 16-15, refused to suspend rules to allow immediate consideration of a motion to discharge from the Rules Committee an order immediately opening the Senate to radio and TV coverage. Supporters said it is time to allow voters to see what goes on in the Senate. Opponents said this rushed and unorganized coverage is irresponsible and claimed orderly coverage will be arranged by June 30. Amorello voted for rule suspension.

COMMITTEE (S 1465) - Senate 15-15 refused to discharge the Rules Committee from further consideration of an order making several rules changes including requiring representation on most Senate committees and joint standing committees to be proportional to party membership. Supporters said this will increase Republican membership on committees and reflect he voters' action which sent more Republicans to the Senate. Opponents said the rules already require the president to give consideration to both parties and claimed the Senate and its committee should reflect the opinion of the majority party. Amorello voted for discharge onto the floor for debate and a vote.

REORG PLAN #1 (H 5013) Senate first approved 19-16, then rejected 18-17, the first of Governor Weld's two executive reorganization plans. Under legislative procedure, the plan can only be approved or rejected and cannot be amended. The plan includes moving the Division of Banking from Consumer Affairs to Economic Affairs; moving the Department of Correction and the Parole Board from Human services to Public Safety; and moving the Massachusetts Commission Against Discrimination from Administration and Finance to Consumer Affairs. Supporters said this streamlining will make government more efficient and will achieve immediate and long term cost savings. Opponents said the plan includes good and bad provisions and argued each change should be proposed individually and not as an unamendable package. Amorello voted for the reorganization plan on both roll calls.

REORG PLAN #2 (H 5014) Senate first approved on a tie vote of 18-18, then rejected 22-14 the second Weld reorganization package. This plan includes consolidation of four offices including the Department of Personnel Administration and the Office of Affirmative Action into a new Department of Employment Administration. Supporters argued the plan would save millions of dollars and provide for a more efficient government by reducing overlapping responsibilities, providing for better accountability and eliminating unnecessary functions. Opponents said the plan will weaken the Office of Affirmative Action and take power away from the poor and people of color. Amorello voted for the reorganization plan on both roll calls.

'The Four Shapes of Boston'

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library will present the third in its three part series on the architectural evolution of New England's rural and urban landscape on April 16 at 6:30.

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Another Point of View

Just a Matter of Time!

By Lawrence Moore

"Professional career politician" is not a derogatory description .... always. Unfortunately, in many cases it is. Nationally, and certainly in Massachusetts, being an incumbent can lead to long term employment. Sometimes wisdom and experience redound to the benefit of the voters, but often longevity is not coupled with wisdom, and there's the rub.

There are certainly, in the Legislatures, many astute and devoted public servants. There are, however, many more who, in one way or another, serve other than the voters. Principally, I suspect, they work to insure their re-election, serving the "leadership," the lobbyists, the PAC's, their cohorts and a devoted group of sycophants who benefit from the crumbs thrown their way by the incumbents.

To hope the voters will turn out the unfit is denying the facts of legislative life. Many citizens don't vote, can't name their office-holders, and have no interest in "politics". Thus the forest is free to those who have an axe to wield.

Do the benefactors, the lobbies and the PACs donate large sums of money for the good of the people? Or is there a sub-surface quid-pro-quo? According to Common Cause, PACs donated $35 to Congressional House incumbents for every $1 to challengers. Are we naive enough to think the money has no strings? The result: of 406 elections, 391 were won by incumbents.

Do you think Billy Bulger can ever be challenged successfully in his district? Would Keverian have been defeated if he had run for his old seat? Has the Legislature in Massachusetts served all the people unselfishly and wisely or has it been profligate in the distribution of our money? How, other than term limit, can we prevent the distortion of Government and return to responsible, responsive leadership?

It's true, as Dick Moore says, that term limits would deprive the people of the services of some very capable men. But let Dick Moore reach out and touch some one .. two ... or three of his adjacent associates, and say honestly "we can't do better!"

It's also true "our founding fathers considered and rejected the idea of term limits." Times, however, have changed. We are in a sad way. Some people know it. Term limits are in effect in 25 state governor's offices, and in the Oval Office.

Term limits were voted last year in California, Colorado and Oklahoma, and are on the ballot this year in Washington and Ohio. Why? Term limits are the only sure way to return to the kind of government the founding fathers envisaged. They felt people would appreciate, support and participate in the Democracy they fought for. WE have let them down.

Once in a while a Foley will lose to a Houston, who will lose to an Amorello. But even with the "shift" on Beacon Hill, it's still "business as usual" in the Legislature. The people are the losers.

As I've written before, the capable will survive, yes, and prosper. For example, a legislator as creative, learned and experienced as Dick Moore can go on to State Senator, Congressman or further. Knowing his term is limited, such a person will redirect his energies and redefine his objectives. Why not? Many others have done exactly that: Atkins, Boland, Conte, Donnelly, Early, Frank, Markey, Moakley and Kerry to name a few.

Until a better idea comes along, or until the leopards change their spots, there's no other way. Limited terms! It's just a question of time!

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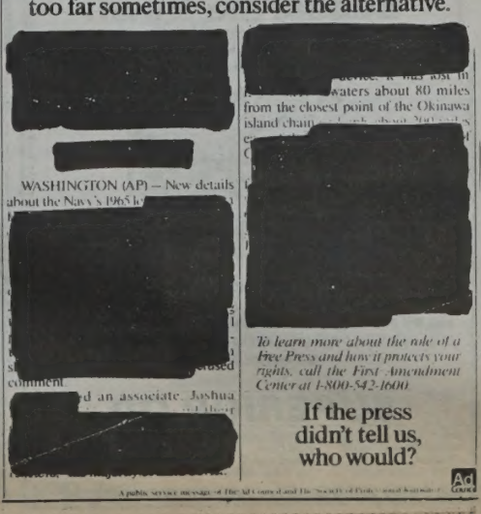
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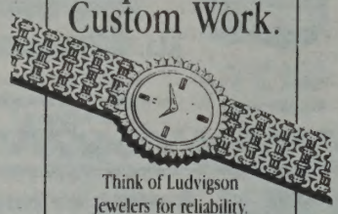

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By Rosemary Waltos

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Life is Too Short by Mickey Rooney. This star-studded Hollywood biography by and about Mickey Rooney, takes you from his first appearance at 17 months through his Andy Hardy days to the triumphs of "Sugar Babies" and his television award-winning role of "Bill." In between there is also the legendary misfortunes of Rooney's life including his broken romances and lost friendships, drug addiction and his squandering of a veritable fortune.

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The Raven's Bride by Elizabeth Crook - Here is a successful marriage of history and fiction. This is the story of the stormy lives and dark romance of the larger than life Sam Houston and his young bride Eliza Allen, an equally prideful young woman.

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Fortysomething by Ross Goldstein, Ph.D. Here's advice that the "thirtysomething" crowd needs as they turn the bend to the midlife years. With the understanding that the Baby Boom generation experiences midlife in a different way from earlier generations, Goldstein offers insight and strategies for mastering your voyage through the transitional midlife waters.

When Food is Love by Geneen Roth. Dieting is more than what you put in your mouth, it is also why you put it in your mouth in the first place. Roth explores the relationships of how we eat and how we can overcome the destructive cycle of compulsive eating.

Stolen Season by David Lamb. Lamb, a foreign correspondent, returns home to chronicle the lives of the people who make up baseball's minor league teams as he travels the minor league circuit from Helena, Montana to Des Moines, with stops in between.

The Promised Land by Nicholas Lemann. This book is about the people whose lives were transformed by the black migration from the fields of the farms of the Deep South to the big cities to the North.

The Eagle Has Flown by Joan Collins. Collins is back again with another novel of obsession, passion, and intrigue that includes Hollywood hopefuls like the ravishing beauty Ines Juillard, the would-be ballerina Agathe Guinzberg, Nick Stone, the up-and-coming Hollywood director, and Hubert Croft, the successful Italian producer.

Massachusetts by Nancy Zaroulis. A sweeping multi-generation novel that covers 350 years of Massachusetts history starts on board the Mayflower and takes the reader through the lives of the men and women who lead Massachusetts for the next two centuries.

Exhibit Reception

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library, 128 Elm Street, will hold a reception for the opening of its Community Photography Exhibit on Friday, April 12, from 6-7 p.m. Refreshments and food will be served. The works of many talented amateur photographers from Millbury and the surrounding area will be on display. Members of the area's Open View Camera Club will judge the exhibit that will run until April 20.

Computer and Craft Programs

MILLBURY - The Millbury Public Library will offer the following children's programs:

Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30, Parent/Child Compu-View. Parents and their children can learn how to use a variety of software using the library's Apple 2E computer. Registration starts on Tuesday, April 9.

Wednesday, April 24, at 3:30, children can learn how to make a May Basket. All ages are invited with preschool through kindergarten accompanied by an adult. Participants must bring two covers from liquid laundry detergent containers. Registration starts on Wednesday, April 17.

Both programs are free to the public, but registration is necessary. To register, call 865-1181.

Y.O.U. Begins Involvement with Youth Center

MILLBURY - Starting Tuesday, April 16, from 7-8:30 p.m., Ron Nickerson of Y.O.U. (Youth Opportunities Upheld) Inc.'s After Hours Program will conduct a series of discussions on alcohol and drugs at the Millbury Youth Center. The program provides professional on-call social workers who are available to assist police officers within Worcester and throughout the Blackstone Valley in the assessment and placement of adolescents. The program operates after-hours and on weekends.

Nickerson is an on-call social worker for the After Hours Program. He is often at the Center on Friday evenings and is available to the youth at the Center for counseling. On Tuesday evenings, he will direct organized discussions for teenagers ages 13-19 on subjects of concern to them. Parents, educators, community leaders and anyone interested is encouraged to attend.

Y.O.U. Inc.'s involvement at the Center was prompted by the Selectmen's request that the Youth Commission attempt to offer counseling at the Center. There are plans for the Center to be open more often for recreation and discussion groups with Y.O.U. Inc.'s help.

Ranger Program for Children

MILLBURY - Beginning April 11 and each following Thursday evening, Hosanna Christian Fellowship, 130 Elm Street, will hold a program geared for grade school age children called "Rangers."

Several "Commanders" will lead "Outposts" of "Buckaroos" (ages 6-8) and "Pioneers" (Ages 9-12). Meetings will run from 7-8:30 p.m. and will be held on the lower level of the old Center School.

Rangers concentrate on learning about camping, community, and about God and country. Overnight camping trips, canoeing, mountain and cross country hiking as well as trips to area museums are some of the adventures planned for the ranger group in Millbury. The first trip is scheduled for Saturday, April 27, to Mt. Monadnock.

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Committeeman Alan Marble said he felt Palermo's work has helped improve quality in the system but said he would look at the position again if and when class sizes change. "Right now, I think he contributes to the quality of education," Marble said.

Tuttle asked why the Superintendent couldn't perform these same duties.

Pease remarked that Millbury has an excellent school system that is competitive and said surrounding towns would be well advised to look at Millbury. "We have maintained a quality system and spent a lot of time on this budget," he said.

A member of the audience, Virginia Auciello, then questioned a 43% increase in administrative costs as opposed to only a 10% increase in instructional costs.

The superintendent would receive $70,600 under the proposed budget, the assistant superintendent $52,500, and the business manager $42,500.

The 1990-1991 Administration budget was $180,042 with $257,194 being sought for 1991-1992. This represents a requested increase of $77,152.

Sylvia said that Millbury is second to none in providing in-service programs, opportunities for curriculum improvement, and grants. He said class size is at a desirable level with a student-teacher ratio of 22-1 in K-6. No student-teacher ratio was given for the high school.

Referring to Tuttle's remark that the superintendent should be performing the duties currently undertaken by the assistant superintendent, Sylvia said, "I could not do all these things. We need someone else to do it on a day to day basis to see that things run smoothly."

Sylvia then said that there is a $100,000 surplus in this year's FY '91 school budget "in which we are to buy supplies and materials."

Computer Software

High School Principal Daniel Carmody asked the committee to approve the purchase of computer software for the min-mainframe computer the high school administration uses for scheduling and attendance. He said the present system needs to be updated to allow for more efficiency and accuracy. He also said his office staff would require eight hours of training at a cost of $100 per hour with a time period of about 1 year to load the system and get it functioning smoothly. He estimated the cost at $5,000.

Committee member Jane Pojani asked where the money would come from. Sylvia replied that it would come from the budget surplus this year. The committee approved the request 5-0.

Class Sizes

Carmody presented a brief report on preliminary figures for class sizes at the Jr.-Sr. high school. He said there would not be a need for a part time English or part time Spanish teacher and, because of a drop in enrollments, one less teacher at the high school level would be needed and a teacher would be transferred.

He said some staff at the Jr.-Sr. High have dual certification and could teach a Spanish I course if necessary. Another factor, according to Carmody, would be the number of students going to Blackstone Valley Vocational Tech. He said a social studies teacher could be affected as projected enrollments for world geography and social studies classes are low.

Sports

Carmody said the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Association meeting scheduled for April 4 would address changes in redistricting. Millbury will still participate in the Southern Worcester County League.

One issue to be considered is the return of 55% of monies from district play to the MIAA as their budget is low because of a lack of revenues from this year's district tournament games. Carmody said he intended to vote "no" on that issue.

Eligibility for fall sports faces a change, possibly requiring that a student must pass the last quarter to participate in sports. The requirement now states that a cumulative passing grade for the year with 20 credits is necessary for participation. Carmody said he expected to vote "no" on that issues as well as it would not be fair.

The committee approved two other requests from Carmody on a unanimous vote: a request for Jr.-Sr. High Improvement Council Funds totalling $1,462 and two new algebra texts for Algebra 1 and 2.

Windle Field

The committee discussed issues pertaining to Windle Field and the Dorothy Manor School lease with Business Manager Sue Pierce.

The committee approved a request from the Lion's Club for use of Windle Field from June 28-July 8. Pierce also said the Windle Field Advisory Committee received a donation of $1,000 from the Lion's Club. The Club has also agreed to a fee of $200 for lighting use at Windle Field during that period.

Pierce said $5300 is available for facility improvements at Windle Field and asked the committee to approve the use of $1971 to have a professional landscaping company prepare the field. She said the advisory committee was in agreement.

Paving of the area near the tennis courts cannot be funded through the budget as the area is on private property and any private funds used would require going through the selectmen who would then have to appropriate those funds when monies are received.

On a suggestion by Wilczynski, Pierce will check with the highway department concerning water drainage that is flooding a section of the field. The water comes from a pipe that appears to be water drainage from Howe Avenue. Pierce said there is some oil in the water drainage and silt built up may have caused the flooding.

Marble said the oil in the water could be a possible environmental problem as oil contaminants could be in the soil.

Pierce said she is looking into purchasing a durable picnic table and benches for the children's playground area at Windle. Wilczynski suggested she come back to the committee with plans and cost figures for their review.

The committee approved Pierce's request for several working changes in the lease with Pakachoag Acres of Auburn for use of the Dorothy Manor School. The lease being proposed would be for 36 months with a 60 day notification to the lessee for a take back of the building and property. Pierce suggested the monthly lease should be within the $1800-$2000 range.

Guidance and Science Audits

Palermo reported that audits for Guidance and Science are being conducted and should be completed shortly. He said three recommendations for guidance services will

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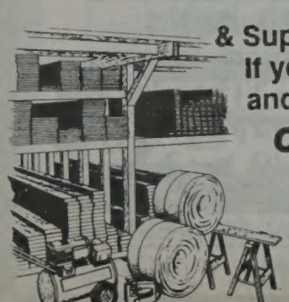

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Camp Marion Name Change Debated

By Lawrence Moore

SUTTON - The April 2 meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order by Chair Mary K. Connor, with members Wally Johnson, Mike Chizy, Dave Strieby, and Town Administrator Dexter Blois present.

PTA Cleanup Day

The Sutton PTA will hold a Cleanup-Spruceup Day for the Nature Trail on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. behind the Elementary School. Rain date is April 21, or if needed, April 27. They ask that volunteers come with gloves, waterproof boots and hedge clippers.

Local Aid

In the recently passed budget bill, the Governor has been given the power to withhold or impound funds. Town Administrator Dexter Blois remarked that the State Treasurer has indicated publicly that he will not release June 30 money unless the new budget (June '91-July '92) is approved.

If the budget is not approved, that will hold up the June 30 Local Aid (Cherry Sheet) funds. While the Town could, within 7-10 days, arrange a "State House Note," the cost of borrowing would add to the Town's already bad financial problems. Absence of June 30 local aid could affect the ability to write, among other things, the teachers' end of school year checks.

Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement

Blois has discovered a vote at a Special Town Meeting in July 1984 that authorized the Sewer Commissioners to enter into an Intermunicipal Sewer Agreement with the Town of Douglas. He suggested proceeding with the article on the Warrant, changing the authorization to the Board of Selectmen. "I feel strongly that's where it should be," he said, "especially since the Sewer Commissioners are no longer elected but now appointed."

Opening of Bids

On March 27, bids were opened for the fire truck water tank. Two bids were received. The low bid of $11,620 by Fire Resources was recommended by Chief Peterson and Blois. It was voted 4-0. An appropriation of $12,000 was made last year to replace a leaking steel tank with one of fiberglass.

Bids for replacement of the highway garage roof were received. One bid was received without a "bid-bond" and the other three bids were over the $12,000 appropriation. Blois will re-bid the job excluding the roof of an unused shed which will bring bids in under $12,000.

Bids for police towing will be asked after town meeting since July 1 is the activation date.

Harbor Tunnel Clay

Blois is following up on a letter from the DPW announcing the availability of clay if and when the Harbor Tunnel is built. Specifications, cost and logistics need to be determined. If satisfactory, the clay will be used to cap the landfill.

Budgets

In an effort to keep the Board current on his budget work, Blois reported that he is staying with his projected numbers, since variations are put forward almost daily. The most seriously affected departments as a result of the currently "balanced budget" are school, police and highway.

"I'm sure the Board agrees we must come out of town meeting with a balanced budget, because if we don't, the ramifications down the road will snowball," Blois said. "If the numbers change, we must work to preserve the integrity of those three departments, not to mention the entire town. I hope that when we get to town meeting the Board of Selectmen, Fincom and I will be on the same wave length. If we have any discord, it will be disastrous."

"The only way we can come out with a balanced budget," Johnson said, "is to make it known that everybody is given a fair share."

"Fair share has been okay to now," Blois said, "but now we have to look at each department and particularly at those three that seem to have suffered the worst."

Blois said he is continuing to work with Police Chief Baker to explore alternatives to drastic coverage reductions.

Greenway Project

Stuart Baker, Greenway Coordinator of the Blackstone River Watershed Association, presented a summary and update of the Greenway program. The program objective is to preserve and rehabilitate both sides of the river. It will link historic sites and provide recreational opportunities for the public.

The project will center on the river and its tributaries, and in addition to passive and active recreational opportunities, hopes to provide enhanced canoeing waters. A brochure of access, egress, and portages is planned. The study will also define areas to be improved.

The study, expected to be completed November 1, is the start of a long process of "making it happen." "Obviously there is no money in either Massachusetts or Rhode Island for the outright purchase of property or conservation restrictions," Baker said. "To make it a reality, we have to get voluntary participation of local landowners."

Hiking, biking, plant and animal habitats will make this a multi-purpose greenway. This effort will help the Massachusetts Blackstone River Heritage Park Commission achieve its goals and convert the entire river valley into a scenic, recreational and visitor attraction.

The Board voted to support the project 4-0. Strieby asked Baker to keep the board updated.

Heritage Homecoming

Bud Gurney presented information about the Heritage Homecoming parade to be held in Millville on September 22. He has arranged for an 18 foot wagon drawn by a 4 horse team to represent Waters Farm and Sutton. "If anyone here, the Board of Selectmen, want to ride in the wagon, you're welcome," he said.

Marion's Camp Name Change

Johnson led off a discussion on changing the name of Marion's Camp by referring to the historical and sentimental reason for the name. "If anyone feels they want to change "Marion's Camp" they have the privilege of putting an article on the Warrant and we'll discuss it at a town meeting. I don't think a Selectman or a group has the right to change the name."

Marion's Camp was named as a memorial to the daughter of a benefactor.

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Chizy explained that the issue was brought up by the Recreation Commission in a questionnaire sent out with the census asking if the name should be kept, and if not, asking a vote on a series of names. The vote was in favor of changing the name, 1015 to 258. One name, Sutton Community Park, received more than twice the support of the second choice, Sutton Heritage Park.

Johnson remarked, "Answers come from the way a question is asked. If a lot of people knew why it was called Marion's Camp they'd be pretty reluctant to change it."

The Recreation Committee, meeting next door, was invited in to the meeting to discuss the issue.

As the committee filtered in, Connor reminded the audience of the planned formation of a July 4 town picnic committee, and asked for volunteers and suggestions. "When you're asking for volunteers," she said, "people usually say "no no no" but I get a lot of yes's." Twelve people have volunteered to date: Bob Largesse, May Campbell, June Bartelson, Mary Arakelian, Donna Woehlke, Gary Vaillancourt, George Cobaine, Sally Benoit, Sten Brote, Harvey Bileau, Wally Johnson, and Nick Mateychuk.

Ed Wrenn, chairman of the Recreation Committee, said that after the feasibility study recommended a $5,500 appraisal and conservation study, and after it was approved, "people began to ask what are we going to call it. After we did acquire it in January 1990, it was suggested that we use the census as a means of accessing every household in town." The proposed names were suggested by townspeople. "Using the census gave every one in town a chance to voice their opinion," Wrenn said, "and the decision was 4 to 1 to change the name."

Johnson asked if the results might have been different if more people knew why it was called Marion's Camp. Wrenn said his impression was "No." He then referred to negotiations for the camp at which Sutton offered to keep the name if a lower price could be negotiated. Representatives of Campfire "didn't want the name," he said, "and they owned it."

Johnson and Wrenn argued the relative public input of a town meeting with only "300 people" versus a mailing to every home in town. Johnson insisted the name change was a drastic move and should go to town meeting so people could know the background for the proposal.

Frances Reno reminded the meeting that it has always been the plan to retain a section of the park as "Marion's Camp."

"These are the results of the survey we're turning over to you," Wrenn said. "Do whatever you want to do with it." He said a quick decision was needed because signs, tickets and other materials would have to be prepared for a Spring opening.

Reno said the name might be worth something to some older residents (including himself) but not to a large number of residents.

Mary Slocum said she found the discussion very upsetting because she is one of the "older people in town." She agreed with Johnson's contention that if people knew why it was called Marion's Camp they might have voted differently. She compared Marion's Camp as part of Sutton's historical background to efforts being made to learn more of Sutton's history. "We'd like to have it explained to newer people why these names are important," she said.

When Connor asked, "Is it the opinion of the Board that we refer it to town meeting?" Chizy replied "I have no objection but I still believe in the majority."

Reno said there are bound to be some questions from the people who voted as to why the Selectmen were choosing to take up another method of selecting a name.

Since it was too late to put an article on the Warrant, the subject was left up in the air.

Manchaug Fire Station

It is proposed to budget $35,000 for plans for a new fire station. Johnson remarked, "So we don't get the cart before the horse, we should take some town meeting action to see if we're going to locate it at the old chicken farm before we spend money for engineering." There might be competition for the location from Housing for the Elderly or Affordable Housing. Johnson felt the location should have an appraisal from the Finance and Warrant Advisory Committees.

Connor asked if it is appropriate to design before a location is set, especially at this crisis time. "Perhaps this $35,000 should be prioritized somewhere else," she said.

The debate on authorizing the spending of $35,000 for a design and engineering study for the construction of a steel fire station was postponed pending approval of the chicken farm location at a special town meeting.

4th of July

Johnson felt a "nucleus" committee should appoint subgroups to accomplish specifics for the Town's July 4th celebration. He said the Dudley Gendron Post is "gung ho" on the celebration and Sten Brote wants to "strike before the iron cools." The post has already planned some events.

Solid Waste Committee

Johnson queried Blois on the status of the Solid Waste Committee; there have been no reports of activity.

Connor and Johnson felt that since several members had resigned, and since, as Johnson said "she has been working like a trooper," it would be good to promote Jane Kerins from Associate to Active Member of the Committee.

Chizy asked for a clarification of a State grant for receptacles. Blois said the grants were available only for programs in existence during a specific time period. Sutton was not eligible in early January.

FBI Seminars

The Board approved 4-0 Chief Baker's request to attend two FBI retraining seminars. It is a line item in the current budget. Blois said the town would benefit "for sure and certain."

Town Meeting

Connor asked Blois to arrange with Fincom for a coordinated approach prior to town meeting. Blois expressed concern that a Cherry Sheet might not be available in time for a budget to be presented at town meeting.

Johnson suggested opening and adjourning the town meeting. Blois countered by suggesting a vote on the figures at hand at the time, and coming back for a special town meeting if the numbers changed. Blois was firm in his estimate that available funds would not increase.

Connor and Strieby, joined by Johnson, felt action should continue to amend budgets in preparation for possible changes. Johnson favored delay to assure the town the Board was doing all it could to present the best possible budget.

Blois agreed that all of these approaches had validity, but said, "There's no reason we can't go to town meeting and vote on the non-money items to get those behind us." Blois closed by saying, "we've got to wait 'til we get closer, to see where we stand."

The meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.

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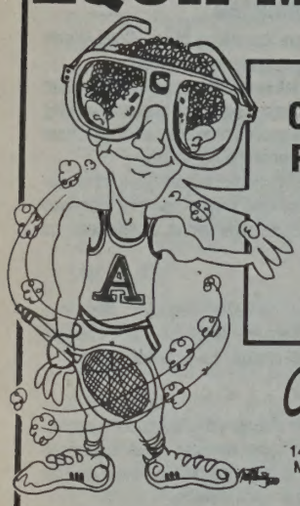

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Heritage Homecoming Weekend to Honor Vietnam Era and Desert Storm Veterans

UXBRIDGE - The area's annual Heritage Homecoming Weekend is scheduled for October 4, 5, and 6. This year's event is dedicated to Valley residents who served in Vietnam and in Operation Desert Storm.

"In reality," said Spaulding Aldrich, newly-elected President of Blackstone Valley Heritage Homecoming, Inc., "we want to salute all who've defended America, from our Revolutionary era to the Persian Gulf." Noting that the Vietnam era veterans never really had a proper "homecoming," Spaulding said, "We want this year's good feeling toward our veterans to include those from the forgotten war as well."

Officers elected for Heritage Homecoming include John Pelczarski of Sutton, Vice President; John Dwinell of Millbury and Mary Arakelian of Sutton, Directors for one year term; Ralph Gurney of Sutton, Director for two year term; and Leona Dona of Sutton, Honorary Director.

Spring Unfurls

BOYLSTON - During the months of April and May, visitors can enjoy nearly 13,000 spring bulbs in blooming succession at the Tower Hill Botanic Garden on Route 70 in Boylston. The garden is one of the nation's newest public gardens and is being developed by the Worcester County Horticultural Society as a showplace for outstanding landscape plants that perform well in central Massachusetts. The garden is open daily from 10-5. Picnicking permitted. Suggested donation: $3.00 for adults, $1.00 children aged 6-12, children under 6 and WCHS members admitted free.

Organ Concert

WORCESTER - A concert of Eastertide music featuring the new Cooper tracker organ will be given Sunday, April 21, at 4 p.m. at Emanuel Lutheran Church, 200 Greenwood Street. Christopher King, organist, will be assisted by Johanna Greenlaw, soprano, and Daniel Carlson, trumpet. The concert is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

Watershed Coalition Launches Petition Drive

The Blackstone River Watershed Association (BRWA) and the other members of the Massachusetts Coalition of Watershed Associations have launched a state-wide petition drive in support of the Massachusetts River Protection Act. According to Daniel Griffith, BRWA President, Coalition members hope to collect a significant number of signatures from the state's 28 river basins.

The act would establish a 150-foot "no build" setback from all rivers and most streams in the Commonwealth. Riverbank protection is now understood as a key factor in the preservation of natural habitats, fisheries, water supplies and public health and safety. Passage of the River Protection Act would also be instrumental in creating the proposed Blackstone River Greenway.

Although the act establishes a uniform setback, it preserves the right of individual communities to modify the setback in accordance with local needs and to grant variances to any landowner in cases where strict application would constitute a hardship.

The act was filed last year by Senator Robert Durand (D-Marlboro), and received substantial support, but failed to reach the floor for a vote in the final days of the legislative session. Area legislators currently co-sponsoring the Act include Rep. Richard Moore (D-Uxbridge) and Senator Matthew Amorello (R-Grafton).

For further information about the petition drive or the act, contact Stuart Baker, BRWA Greenway Coordinator, at 508-234-8797.

Named Assistant Treasurer

MILLBURY - Marylou A. Drapeau, branch manager of the Millbury Office of Fidelity Co-operative Bank, has been elected to the position of Assistant Treasurer. She began her employment with the Bank in 1984, and was promoted to Assistant Branch Manager of the Gardner Office in 1987.

In 1988, she was designated a Loan Officer, with responsibility for Branch Business Development. In 1989 she was appointed Branch Manager of the Millbury office.

A 1983 graduate of Millbury Memorial High School, and the Dudley Hall Career Institute with a degree in Business Administration, Drapeau has also completed various courses with the American Institute of Banking. She is a member of the Blackstone Valley Chamber of Commerce, and has served as a United Way volunteer.

She currently resides in Millbury with her husband Paul.

Low Vision Education

WORCESTER - The Massachusetts Association for the Blind (MAB) is continuing its Education Series for families and friends of persons experiencing vision loss. The programs take place at the MAB office at 51 Harvard Street from 7-9 p.m. The following topics are scheduled:

April 18: "Vision Loss and the Elderly" presented by Stephen Ainlay, Ph.D., Associate Professor/Department Chair, Holy Cross College.

May 16: "Understanding Vision Loss" presented by Jeffrey Levine, M.D., Ophthalmologist.

The series is free, but pre-registration is requested. For further information, or to pre-register, call Donna Harris at 791-8237.

YMCA Offering Programs at Camp Blanchard

WORCESTER - The YMCA of Greater Worcester, Youth & Community Branch, has planned a new camping program for children 5-16 from the area towns of Millbury, Sutton, Auburn, Leicester, Oxford, Grafton, Whitinsville, Uxbridge, and Worcester. In addition to day camping opportunities at Camp Blanchard, Sutton, the YMCA will also offer four weeks of Baseball/T-Ball Camp, four weeks of soccer Camp, a soccer clinic held two weeks prior to school tryouts, and Adventure Trips. The trips are extended trips lasting 4-10 days and are available to youth 12-16. Trips include a bike tour from Niagara Falls, Canada to Worcester; bike trip to Cape Cod; a hiking trip around Mt. Washington; and a canoe trip down the Saco River, NH. The YMCA camping program runs from June 17-August 31. Registrations are done on a weekly basis. For registration information or a complete brochure, contact the YMCA at 798-2512.

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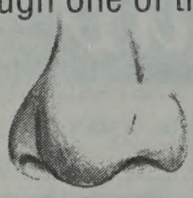

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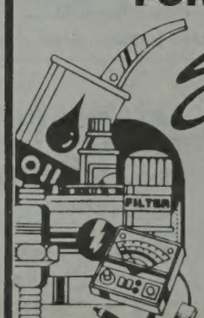

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Surplus Food Distribution in Sutton

SUTTON - Surplus foods will be distributed by the Sutton Council on Aging on Friday, May 3, from 9:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, lower level, rear. Items for distribution will include: rice, honey, pears, green beans, vegetarian beans, applesauce, raisins, butter, flour, cornmeal, and peanut butter.

Recipients must show proof of low income eligibility. Guidelines are: household of one, $9,420; household of two, $12,630; and household of three, $15,840.

Fidelity Holds Annual Meeting

FITCHBURG - Speaking at Fidelity Co-operative Bank's 103rd Annual Meeting recently, Francis M. Metterville, Bank President, said, "Strength, safety, and profitability is the only way to describe our continuing success. Public confidence in Fidelity has enabled Assets to grow to $110 million, during this particularly volatile time in banking, while deposits increased by 6.3% to $98,024,925.

"The Bank is very profitable," continued Metterville. "Gross income of $808,000 was realized during the past 12 months, netting
out to $639,000 after payment of Federal and State taxes. This addition to Surplus brings Reserves to a record high $9,146,464, or 8.34% of Assets, which establishes Fidelity as one of the more profitable banking institutions in New England.

"Another factor contributing to the Bank's success is the insignificant number of non-performing loans, an area that has had a severe impact on many financial institutions during the current economic decline. At this time, non-performing loans stand at a mere three-tenths of 1% of our loan portfolio, which is reflective of the sound underwriting practices utilized to ensure the quality of loans granted.

"While lending activity was moderate during the past year," Metterville said, "this particular service has accelerated in recent months, spawned by the Bank's marketing of our 'No Points' program on mortgage loans, lower interest rates available, and the local, personalized service available to borrowers throughout the life of their loan."

"We enjoy an excellent reputation in the communities we serve, and throughout the banking industry," he said. "Because of depositor confidence which allows the Bank to maintain its strong position, we have been able to develop new services and meet consumer demands for housing and other needs.

"For small firms with a limited number of employees, a new Self-Directed Qualified Retirement Plan has been developed. This Plan provides the flexibility of implementing an investment strategy for retirement funds which best suits individual needs, and the opportunity to change investment options as economic conditions warrant, without the need to adopt a new Plan. This QRP is currently being marketed to area professionals, and has already proven its popularity. The Bank also offers an Administrative Service in conjunction with this Plan, including all record-keeping and report preparation.

"Participation by our Student Loan Department in financial aid programs at area high schools has been effective in creating awareness of various programs available to meet college tuition needs. This effort has caused a flurry of activity during the year in response to student requests for Stafford Loans, as well as Plus Loans for parents.

"As a community bank," Metterville said, "we are committed to meeting the ever-changing needs of the cities and towns we serve."

Joseph L. DiConza, Senior Vice President and Treasurer, was elected to the Bank's Board of Directors for a 2 year term at the 103rd Annual Meeting of the Bank's shareholders. Also elected to 3 year terms as Directors were: Richard D. Colombo of Gardner, Dr. Robert J. Fallon of Lunenburg, Michael F. Root of Fitchburg, and Metterville.

Directors of the Bank whose terms expire at a later time are: Dorothy A. Driscoll, Theodore M. Nikitas, and Jay M. Rome of Leominster; Henry J. Masciarelli of Lunenburg; Raymond J. Robichaud of Gardner, and William J. Williams of Lancaster.

Metterville announced the appointment of Debra Pochini as Comptroller for the Bank, as well as the promotion of Cynthia A. St. John and Marylou A. Drapeau to the position of Assistant Treasurer. Pochini has served as Assistant Treasurer of the Bank since 1987 and is responsible for all accounting operations of the Bank. St. John is currently Manager of the Leominster office, and Drapeau serves as Manager of the Millbury office.

Coaching Openings at MHS

MILLBURY - David Wilbur, Athletic Director for the Millbury School System, has announced that the following coaching openings are available: Assistant Football (2), Head Freshman Football, Assistant Freshman Football, Head Boys' Soccer, Head Girls' Soccer, Assistant Boys' Soccer, Assistant Girls' Soccer.

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MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of Raymond Memorial Church, 5 Raymond Street, will hold a Whist Party in the church hall on Thursday, April 18, at 1:30 p.m. Desert will be served at 1:30, followed by the game. Tickets are $2.00 and may be bought from members or at the door. Prizes and attendance gifts will be given. For more information, call 799-2622, 757-8762, or 755-3591.

Devoe Taylor Post

MILLBURY - A meeting of the Devoe Taylor No. 9 American Legion Post will be held Monday evening, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the Asa Waters Mansion. Stuart Mulhane, Commander, will preside. Memorial Day and Poppy Day programs will be discussed. Members are requested to attend.

Local Students Type to Fund Leukemia Research

MILLBURY - On Thursday, April 4, the Millbury High School Business Department joined with other schools across New England in a "Type" to benefit the Leukemia Society of America. Students obtained pledges for the number of words they could type in a 3 minute typing test. All proceeds from participating schools will support the Leukemia Society's research programs.

Super Park Coin Drive

MILLBURY - The Millbury Super Park Committee is sponsoring a Town wide coin drive on April 20, from 8 a.m to 4 p.m. at Fire Headquarters on Elm Street. The Board of Selectmen have proclaimed April 20, 1991 as "Woolie World Super Park Coin Drive Day." The public is invited to drop off their coins. There will also be coin jars placed in local businesses in Millbury. The fire department will assist in weighing the coins, and an hourly total will be posted.

Math Team Competes

MILLBURY - The Millbury High School varsity math league team competed in their final match on April 3 at Shrewsbury High School. The team scored 39 points and finished in second place to the Bancroft School. In taking second place, Millbury moved from third place in the small school division into second place overall. This is Millbury High's second year of competition in the Worcester County Mathematics League. Last year the team finished in 8th place.

High scorers for the final match were Matt Tella (10 points), Becky Kupcinskas (9 points), Phil Carpenter (7 points), Kevin Pease, Kevin Hanson, and Amy LaForte (6 points each). Other Millbury students competing were Ross Pease, Barry Bacon, and Kevin Murray. Becky Kupcinskas and Matt Tella were co-high scorers for the year, each scoring 33 points. The team is coached by David Wilbur.

Walk for the Homeless

WORCESTER - On Sunday, May 19, at 1:30 p.m., hundreds of people will join together in the seventh annual Five-Mile Walk for the Homeless. This event will directly fund the shelters that care for Worcester's homeless population. Call 791-7265 for registration and sponsor information.

RRRRR-ibbit Exhibit

WORCESTER - A new exhibit, entitled the RRRRR-ibbit Exhibit, will focus on frogs and toads at the New England Science Center, 222 Harrington Way. The exhibit will open on Saturday, April 13, with a full day of activities centered around frogs. The exhibit will continue through June 30th.

Congregate Housing Accepting Applications

MILLBURY - The Millbury Congregate Housing Program, located at 451 Colonial Drive, is now accepting applications for residency. The program offers affordable housing with supportive services to allow the elder or handicapped person to live in a residential environment and to avoid unnecessary institutionalization.

The program offers homemaker, personal care, nursing and home health services to eligible residents. Congregate Housing is neither a nursing home nor a medical care facility.

If you would like more information, call the coordinator at 865-2960 or the Millbury Housing Authority at 865-2660.

NESC Announces Programs

WORCESTER - the following exhibits and educational program will be offered at the New England Science Center (NESC) during early May. As spaces are limited for the programs, early reservations are recommended. For more information, call 791-9211.

SPECIES SPEAKEASY, May 4, 8 p.m. to midnight. The NESC is transformed into an illicit Roaring '20's Speakeasy where guests may gamble for donated prizes. There will be dancing, free food, a cash bar, silent movies and a casino. All proceeds support the programs and services of NESC. Cost is $20 for member; $25 for non-members.

FAMILY SKYWATCH, May 1, from 8-10 p.m. Young children and adults will meet the moon and planets in the Alden Omnisphere and then see them in the sky through the NESC telescope in the Norton Observatory. Refreshments will be served. Cost for members per adult/child paid is $18; non-members adult/child pair, $22.

WOOD YOU BELIEVE, May 4, 1-3 p.m. Children ages 6-8 will learn about the communities of living things that inhabit trees at the NESC Wildlife Preserve in Paxton. Cost for NESC members is $14; non-members, $16.

BREAKFAST WITH BEARS, Sunday, May 5, 9-11 a.m. A behind the scenes look at how the NESC animals and zookeepers start their day. After breakfast, participants will visit the animal care room, then tour the outside zoo including the polar bears' den. Because the tour includes high security areas, each child must be accompanied by an adult. No siblings, friends or unattended children. Cost for member per adult/child pair is $18; adult only, $14; non-members adult/child pairs, $22.

Veterinary Clinic Reopens

GRAFTON - The Grafton Veterinary Clinic, located at 12 Williams Road, North Grafton, formerly owned by the late Dr. David Verbridge, has been purchased by Dr. Neil A. MacKenzie. The clinic will offer primary and surgical care for all pets, including medical, dental and x-ray services, new pet selection and behavior consultations. Dr. MacKenzie also owns the Westboro Animal Hospital which he established in 1969. That facility has just completed a major renovation and expansion.

Dr. MacKenzie, originally from Boylston, graduated from the University of Massachusetts and Cornell University College of Veterinary Medicine. He is a member of the American Veterinary Medical Association, Mass Veterinary Medical Association, American Animal Hospital Association and other professional groups. He is a past president of the Mass Veterinary Medical Association and served on numerous committees. Dr. MacKenzie and his family have lived in Grafton for the past 18 years.

Drs. Gary Stuer of Westboro and Michelle Salata of Hopkinton are associates of Dr. Mac Kenzie's and will also be part of the professional staff serving the Grafton Veterinary Clinic.

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Students Alerted to Hazards of Drinking and Driving

MILLBURY - Two Emergency C.A.R.E. nurses, Sue Dwinell and Joanne Casey, presented a 40 minute slide show at Millbury Jr./Sr. High School on the physical and emotional effects of drinking and driving. The assembly for all S.A.D.D. (Students Against Driving Drunk) members took place during the activity period in the auditorium. The graphic scenes shown in the slides as well as the nurses' message that alcohol and driving can be a lethal mix proved to be a timely experience for students with prom time and graduation just around the corner.

Sutton PTA Nature Trail

SUTTON - The Sutton PTA Nature Trail Committee will sponsor a trail "spruce up" day on April 20, beginning at 10:00 a.m. behind the Elementary School. The first rain date will be April 21, the second, April 27. Work gloves and waterproof boots are suggested. Hedge clippers would also be of help if they could be brought for the day.

An Earth Day/Arbor Day celebration will be held on April 28, from 1-4 p.m. on the Elementary School grounds. Environmental displays, Earth Care products, activities and refreshments will be available. A tour of the Nature Trail with the newly published trail guides will be featured.

Mother and Daughter Banquet

MILLBURY - The Women's Fellowship of the First Congregational Church, West Main Street, will hold its Mother and Daughter Banquet on Friday, April 26. A catered family-style turkey dinner will be served by Marie's Family Restaurant in the church vestry at 6:30 p.m. Arlene Ball and Mildred Michelson are program co-chairwomen. Lois Ferguson will display some of her doll collection after dinner. If you have a favorite doll, bring it along.

Women's Aglow

The Women's Aglow Fellowship will meet Tuesday, April 16, at 7:30 p.m. at Pleasant View Motor Lodge. There will be special outreach to teenage girls this month. The Guest speakers and musicians will be The Peacemakers. Women are invited to attend and bring a teen.

Art Exhibit

The Blackstone Valley Art Association will hold its 33rd annual Art Festival at the cafeteria of the Blackstone-Millville Regional Jr.-Sr. High School April 14 through April 19. The exhibit will open with a reception on April 14 from 2-5 p.m., and will be open for public viewing Monday through Friday 7-9 p.m. Admission is free. This exhibit is sponsored in part by the Massachusetts Cultural Commission, through grants by the Blackstone Arts Lottery Council, the Millville Arts Council and the Uxbridge Arts Council.

From My Window on Farnsworth Court

By "Pastor Rae" Cameron

"What's happening," is the answer I get when I phone a church family and one of the young men answers. Good question. One of the lessons I learned at Seminary was that, when visiting, never ask "How are you?" They've been asked that question many times already. So I thought about that and now ask, "How are you doing?" and try to get them to share what they are doing to get better.

Well, what's happening? Many, many things. Right now the weather is gorgeous and there is the promise that winter is over and spring is on its way. Buds are appearing on the trees and the early bulbs are pushing up green sprouts with the promise of flowers right behind them. Hasn't God given us a wonderful, wonderful world?

Yes, sir, now that I'm old enough, I've been having dinner at noon with the Council on Aging, and the meals are very good. The rest of my meals I drink Ultra Slim Fast and you know, it's working. The man said, "Give me a week and I'll take off the weight." and he was right. The first week I lost weight, but then for about two weeks I stayed about the same. Now I'm losing again and I feel great. It has also been great on the grocery bill and my wife is going to forget how to cook.

Some plans are being made for next Spring, one of them is an all-day session on "Care for the Elderly" thru the Worcester County Ecumenical Council. There is a lady at our American Baptist Church headquarters in Valley Forge, PA, who does this type of seminar, and I attended one in Maine and it was great.

Another event will be to have John Wesley White and Franklin Graham of the Billy Graham Evangelistic Association come to Worcester for an Evangelistic Crusade. This would have many advantages such as bringing churches together, training people in soul winning and christian care as well as the winning of souls into a saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Life is exciting with all of these expectations of wonderful things to come. God bless you and may you sense the wonder of what God wants to do thru you. Amen....

St. Brigid's Women's Club

MILLBURY - St. Brigid's Women's Club will meet on Thursday, April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Russell Sanborn will present a program on the lighthouses of New England. Rita Howard and Irene Louis will co-chair the meeting.

Open Burning Permits

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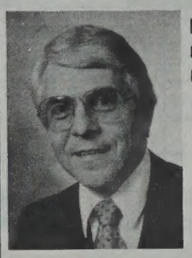

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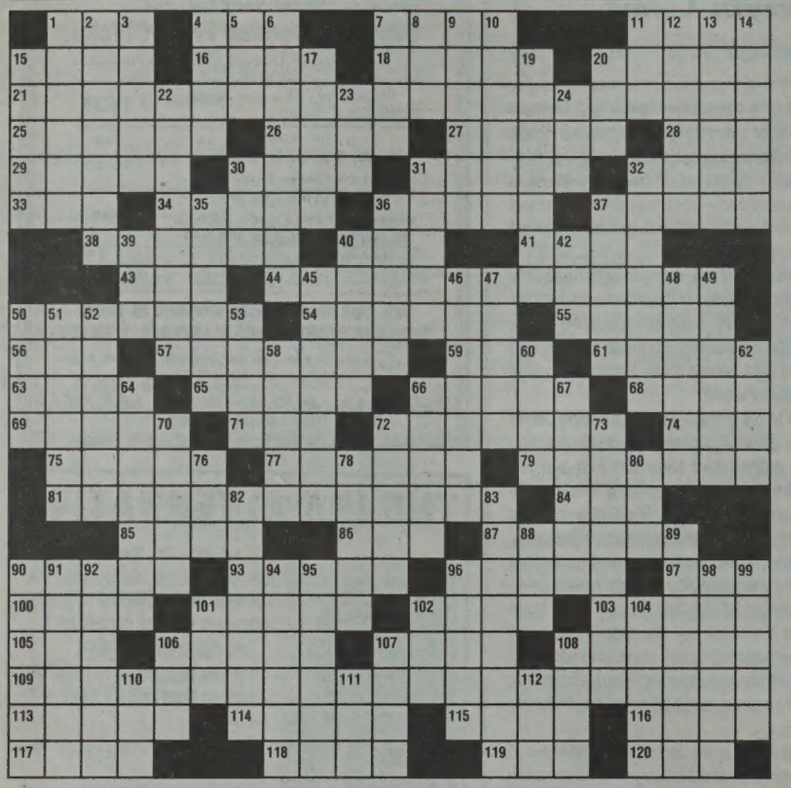

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ACROSS

1 J. B. Rhine's field
4 Alien in a sitcom
7 Jungle swingers
11 Author's concoction
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16 Half mask
18 Hole or inning
20 Partner of dribs
21 Start of a quip
25 1 and 66
26 Soft cheese
27 Substantial
28 Toper
29 Feudal bondsmen
30 Memorable Mae
31 Frat dates
32 Coop group
33 Dry, as wine
34 Zola
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37 Marsh grass
38 "From — Eternity"
40 Reiner or Lowe
41 — 'acte
43 Zeta follower
44 More of the quip
50 "Lili —"
54 Related to the eye
55 Straighten
56 One — kind
57 Comments
59 Orch. leader
61 Elia product
63 Shaw's "— and the Man"
65 Pass on
66 Strike, old style
68 Created
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71 Snitch
72 Peter or Luke
74 Peaty area
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77 "The Milkmaid" painter
79 Pearl producers
81 More of the quip
84 Mole
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86 Example, to Pierre
87 Ogled
90 Broadway backer
93 "— in the Sky"
96 Riot
97 Superlative finish
100 Bell sound
101 Oriental rug
102 Mrs. Sprat's husband
103 Combat
105 Vapor: Prefix
106 "Age of Anxiety" poet
107 Denomination
108 Star-oriented
109 End of the quip
113 Skater Sonja
114 Designer Rykiel
115 Pitcairn Island area
116 Pinches
117 Formerly, formerly
118 Military vehicle
119 D.C. figure
120 Mil. training inst.

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1 "La Vie —": 1946 song
2 Reliable
3 Venice's — Vecchio
4 Skiers' mecca
5 Mauna —
6 Bit of decoration
7 Kick in chips
8 Omicron followers
9 Captivate
10 "The — of Dreams"
11 Expert
12 Expired
13 Longer than wide
14 Fatal fly
15 Fairy tale villains
17 Intrinsically
19 Earphones
20 TV actress Susan
22 Army quitter
23 Before pick or wit
24 Parts of a gal.
30 Humor
31 Computer language
32 Exceptional courage
35 More cruel
36 Center of attention
37 Fashion
39 Sniggler's prey
40 Role for Sly
42 "— thousand times..."
45 Author Alger
46 Gigantic
47 "To — human"
48 Perilous
49 Schoolbook
50 React to a pun
51 Once more
52 New Jersey river
53 Legendary Irish bride
58 "His word burned like —": Apocrypha
60 Palindromic name
62 Itches
64 German pastry
66 Barracudas
67 French presidential residence
70 Kind of hemp
72 Poe's middle name
73 Demitasse brew
76 Muffin
78 Lawful
80 Ship's rope
82 Leaves the union
83 Ins
88 Lodge member
89 Redwings' home
90 Geronimo, for one
91 Situated below
92 Street urchins
94 "We — amused"
95 Kind of split
96 Ostentatiously masculine
98 Philatelic staples
99 Decorative tins
101 Charioteer Ben
102 Fast plane
104 Word form for "peoples"
106 Lime additive
107 Coyote St.
108 Stravinsky ballet score
110 Ignited
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112 ESE minus 90°

Solution to Last Week's Puzzle

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COA Sponsors Mammography Clinic

SUTTON - The Sutton Council on Aging, in a special arrangement with Medicalab, Inc. of Brockton, will sponsor an all day Mammography Clinic on Wednesday, May 1, at Orchard Apartments, Community Room, 5 Church Street, by appointment only. According to the American Cancer Society, breast cancer is the most common form of cancer to strike women, and mammograms are the best way to detect it at its earliest, most curable stage.

Each screening will take approximately 45 minutes. No prescriptions are needed for other than a baseline. Women receiving this service may need to visit their physicians for a prescription for a baseline mammogram.

On the date of the program, women should bring all medical insurance information and any prior x-rays. All x-rays will be interpreted by Dr. Mark Homer of the New England Medical Center. Results will be mailed to each woman's private physician.

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Millbury Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with the provisions of Chapter 40A, M.G.L., the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 22, 1991 at 8 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury to discuss the following changes/additions to the Millbury Zoning Bylaws or town improvements:

Warrant Article 30: Article, 1, Section 12.4 - Site Plan Review
Warrant Article 31: Article 1, Section 12.5 - Non-Criminal Disposition
Warrant Article 32: Article 1, Section 12.6 - Regional Transportation Review
Warrant Article 43: Drainage Correction - West Main Street
Warrant Article 50: Article 4, Section 48 - 146 Highway Corridor Overlay District
Warrant Article 51: Article 1, Section 16.33 - Restoration
Warrant Article 52: Article 3, Section 32.10 - Conformity of Lots
Warrant Article 64: - Sidewalk Improvements Grafton Street
Warrant Article 69: Zoning Changes, - Wales Street Industrial II to Suburban IV
Warrant Article 84: Accept eight (8) pieces of land as open space in "Oakwood Heights Subdivision"
Warrant Article 85: Accept a piece of land off of Rayburn Drive
Warrant Article 86: Article 2, Section 25.3 - Height Change to 50 feet in an Industrial I Zone
Warrant Article 87: Article 1, Section 14.6 - Associate Member to the Planning Board

A copy of the full text may be obtained in the Planning Department during regular business hours.

Anyone wishing to be heard on these changes should appear at the time and place designated above.

Anna Lewandowski
Chairwoman
April 4 and 11, 1991

Town of Sutton
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

The Sutton Board of Selectmen will hold a public hearing to consider the discontinuation of a public way now or formerly called Graves Road from its origination on the southerly side of Mendon Road, near property of Kowszik, extending southerly and easterly to its termination at a point on the westerly side of Barnett Rd., near property of Van Dyke, said road being accepted by the Town in three (3) sections (May 14, 1783, May 15, 1809, and unknown date.)

The public hearing will be held in the Sutton Town Hall on April 23, 1991 at 8:00 p.m. Members of the public are invited to attend and to offer any comments on the issue. Written comments must be received on or before April 19, 1991 in the office of the Board of Selectmen.

Dexter P. Blois
Town Administrator
April 4 and 11, 1991

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Bids will be received at the Town of Millbury, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527, until 11:00 A.M. local time, Wednesday, April 24, 1991. General Bids shall be received only on forms furnished by the Owner. If mailed, Bids should be sent to the address above and the outer envelope shall be clearly marked "BID for Streetlight Luminaries" in the lower left hand corner. The Bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at that time.

Contract Documents may be obtained at the office of the Millbury Town Hall, 127 Elm Street, Millbury, MA 01527 after March 25, 1991.

In inviting Bids, the owner reserves the right to waive any informality in the Bid and to reject any or all Bids if it is in the public interest to do so. All Bids shall remain in effect 30 days, Saturdays, Sundays, and legal holidays excluded, after opening of the Bids.

Board of Selectmen
Town of Millbury
April 4 and 11, 1991

Millbury Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L., the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 22, 1991 at 7:15 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury to discuss a petition by Terry Auger for a Multifamily Special Permit in accordance with Article 2, Section 23.2 of the Millbury Zoning Bylaws. Said location is at 24 Bellville Lane.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this petition should appear at the time and place designated above.

Anna Lewandowski
Chairwoman
April 4 and 11, 1991

Millbury Planning Board
NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Chapter 40A, M.G.L., the Millbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on Monday, April 22, 1991 at 7:45 p.m. at the Municipal Office Building, 127 Elm Street, Millbury on the application of James Whittier for a Special Permit, Temporary Structure in accordance with Article 2, Section 24.15 of the Millbury Zoning Bylaws. Said location for the structure is at 1 Elm Street.

Anyone wishing to be heard on this application should appear at the time and place designated above.

Anna Lewandowski
Chairwoman
April 4 and 11, 1991

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SUTTON FIRST CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH: Rev. Andrew J. Bierkan, Pastor - SUNDAYS: 10:00 a.m. Morning Worship & Church School in the Meetinghouse; Crib Room Nursery, Preschool 3's & 4's, Kindergarten, Grades 1-8 at 10:00 a.m.; Jr. P.F. meets twice a month as announced; Sr. P.F. 7-9 p.m. Adult P.F. meets twice a month as announced; Cherub Choir (grades K,1,&2) rehearsals following worship. PROGRAMS: 2nd Thursday, Women's Fellowship of Sutton luncheon/program/meeting at noon. MONTHLY PUBLIC SUPPERS: 1st Saturdays, two sittings, 5 & 6:15 p.m. MONTHLY PUBLIC LUNCHEONS: 3rd Wednesday, noon to 1 p.m. April-November

HOSANNA CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP, Rev. CLiff Larson, 865-7414: meeting in the former Center School, corner of Elm and Waters Street, Millbury. Non-denominational, Spirit led services. SUNDAY: coffee and donuts at 10:30 a.m.; Worship Service at 11:00 a.m. (Sunday School for ages 3-12 during Sunday morning message); Revival Service at 7:00 p.m. Wednesdays, 7:00 p.m., Bible Study. Nursery provided for all services.

UNION CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH, 88 Main St., South Grafton. Member-Conservative Congregational Christian Conference. Howard C. DeVries, Pastor; Elsie Wilson, organist. Sunday School, 9:30 a.m. Sunday Morning Worship, 10:45 a.m. Sunday evening Service of Prayer and Praise, 7 p.m. Wednesday, choir rehearsal.

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be proposed in areas of communication, accountability, and availability.

Palermo noted that 200 surveys on guidance services were sent out to parents, students and staff with a return of 70% at Elmwood and less than that at the Middle and Jr.-Sr. High. The survey was only one portion of the study of guidance services.

Miscellaneous

- Sylvia referred to a letter from the MTA concerning a grievance relating to an increase in insurance deductions for teachers. A grievance for insurance comes under the jurisdiction of the selectmen and not the school committee.

Hanratty said the MTA was asking the committee to intervene on their behalf with the selectmen. He said he and Sylvia have attempted to meet with the selectmen's administrative assistant, Earl Chase, to discuss the MTA concerns. He said he and Sylvia were waiting for Chase to set up a time for the meeting.

- An outcome of a meeting of the selectmen and department heads with the finance committee could mean some additional monies coming back to the schools, according to Sylvia.

- The committee approved a request from Sylvia to change the school system secretarial work schedule during the summer. This will would allow Sylvia some flexibility to use secretaries if needed, otherwise the work schedule would be reduced.

- Under resignations and leaves, the board approved the resignation of Neil Lucey as boys' assistant track coach and also the resignation of Pauline Gauthier as advisor to the Cable TV Club at the Jr.-Sr. High school.

- Under appointments, the board approved the appointment of Dave Boudreau as assistant boys track coach and Norman Gonyea as varsity football coach. Hanratty said several letters of support for Gonyea were received.

Pojani said she would like to see these positions posted in the future in the local newspapers. Sylvia said he would check with the Athletic Director.

- Sylvia noted that Roger Desrosiers' U.S. History Honors Class again won the State Finals of the National Bicentennial Competition on the Constitution and Bill of Rights. He said the class should be commended especially since they are now 3-3. Sylvia also said the class is trying to raise funds to pay for a trip to Washington to compete in the National Finals. The trip will require at least $12,000. Sylvia expressed regret that no funds were available from the school system this year to support the trip.

- The intermural program for spring for grades 7-8 only had 13 students expressing an interest. Athletic Director Dave Wilbur indicated to Sylvia that the program will not run because of the small numbers.

- Pierce said the roof repairs for the Jr.-Sr. High will be a capital item for the 1992-1993 budget. The cost is estimated at $79,000.

- Sylvia said he received a letter from MTA President Tom Murray concerning school nurses becoming a part of the union. Sylvia suggested that the committee think about it.

Transportation

Pierce reported that in discussions with John Lola, bus transportation provider, a savings of approximately $32,400 could be accomplished with the cutting of one bus route. She suggested that students in grades 7-12 who live within a two mile radius of the schools could be encouraged to walk, providing there are no hazards.

Transfer

Hanratty read a letter from High School math teacher Pauline Gauthier, expressing her strong exception to Sylvia's decision to transfer her to grade 8 for the 1991-92 school year.

Sylvia said he has the authority to transfer a teacher and, under the present contract with the teachers, seniority is not a mitigating factor. He also said Gauthier has been an excellent teacher and has performed well at the high school. Her transfer would allow Dave Wilbur, who has dual certification, to cover both math and social studies.

Gauthier's letter read, in part,

"I am writing to you as chairman of the Millbury School Committee, to convey my strong exception to Dr. Sylvia's decision to assign me to a Grade 8 teaching position during the 1991-92 school year. After 20 years of teaching in the Millbury Schools, I find that several male teachers, perhaps because they are more forceful and vehement in their resistance to such a change, are being given special consideration and are being allowed to remain in high school assignments. This situation exists despite the fact that I have more seniority in the system than these individuals.

"Quite frankly, I feel slighted and very much unappreciated. I have always been told what a valued and dedicated staff member I have been. Evaluations of my performance have always been exemplary. I don't normally create a fuss about issues and a part of me is saying to accept this and go along. Yet I am too angry and hurt to do so. I really believe that I am a victim of a subtle but very real form of sexism and I am very much offended by this."

Gauthier asked the committee to examine the issue in greater detail before making a decision on her assignment.

Marble said he had some concerns as Gauthier will be moving into a team situation and he hoped that, because of her reluctance to transfer, there would not be any negative impact on the team.

Increased Vacation Time

The committee, on a motion by Marble, approved an increase in vacation time to 20 days for Sue Pierce. Hanratty and Wilczynski opposed the motion, noting she has already received a raise and said it took the previous business manager, Stan Stickney, 12 years to get a three week vacation benefit. They also noted that it was not a matter of personalities but it was in essence an additional pay increase.

The committee adjourned at 9:50 p.m.

Honors History Class Seeks Funds to Compete in Washington

MILLBURY - Students from Roger Desrosiers' Honors History Class will represent Massachusetts when they travel to Washington, D.C. on April 27-29 to compete in the finals of the National Bicentennial Competition on the Constitution and Bill of Rights.

The students won the state-level round of the competition on March 28th. They will be vying with classes from across the nation which have also successfully competed at congressional district and state levels.

The following students will be competing: Lori Bernard, Jenn Buron, Maria Campolito, Gerry Cardinal, Maribeth Hagan, Kevin Hanson, Kevin Hayden, Randie Jalbert, Rebecca Kupcinskas, Shannon McArdle, Marie Murphy, Kevin Murray, Sandra Nikolajevs, Michelle O'Connell, Bryant Richards, David Rossow, Jodi Sulham, and Nicole Tellier.

The first round of the national finals will be held on the grounds of Fort McNair on April 27 and 28. The combined scores of the first two days of hearings will determine the ten classes which will compete in the final round April 29 on Capital Hill. That evening the winning teams will be announced and awards will be presented at a special ceremony.

Representative Joseph Early, who has actively supported the Competition, will sign certificates of achievement honoring the students and will meet with the class in Washington. Early has also assisted with funding a portion of the $12,000 the students must raise for the trip.

Anyone wishing to donate money to assist the students with their travel expenses can contact Roger Desrosiers at the High School.

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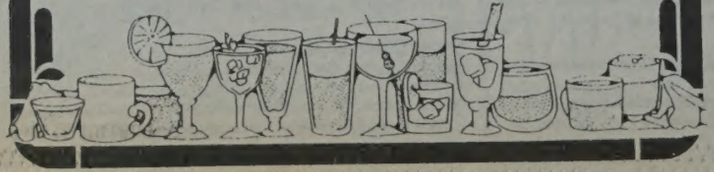

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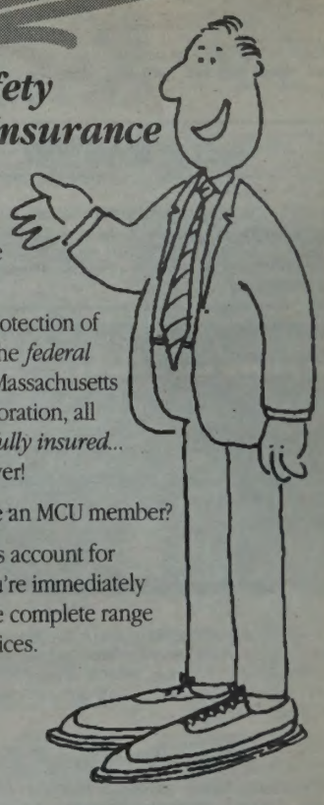

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